

## REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS FOR SPECIFICATION

Page 3, paragraphs 6 and 7, are amended to read as follows:

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An advantage of the method is that the laser welding can be carried out completely automatically.

As a result, the entire method can be carried out completely automatically.

B3 A further advantage of the method is that the welding of the contact piece to the terminal or connecting piece takes place without contact and without the aid of additional substances.

Furthermore, in laser welding only very short laser pulses are necessary. Consequently, the heat stress of the workpiece is very low and the occurrence of metal or solder splashing can be avoided.

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